

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2008, 1:00 PM

David Blanchard, Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Laurie Dahmen (phone), Melissa Downes, Tim Flynn, Chuck Garner, Eric Hartwig, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Tom McDonald, Larry Martin, Sean Northup, Lisa Pelly, Tom Ring, Tom Tebb, Ron Van Gundy, Dawn Wiedmeier.

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Wiedmeier, with the approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Tom Tebb updated and explained to the group Judge Gavin's guidance on how transfers are treated when they go into and come out of the water trust, relating to the Selah Moxee Irrigation District (SMID) donation to the trust for 2008 and SMID's petition for order Pendente Lite to the Adjudication court. Tom's comments focused on how the transfers were treated when exercised or not while in the trust program and how they are treated when they come back out of the trust.

Dawn continued with the Wheatley transfer 2008-11, with Stan Isley explaining this proposal. The group discussed the effects on fish, water quality, and season of use. Paul LaRiviere discussed his support with caveats; the group gave it the thumbs up.

Next, the group discussed the Manastash Water Users request for discussion numbered 2008-15, with Eric Hartwig from Ecology explaining the background and the complexity of this project. The specific applications would be submitted at the next meeting. The group discussed fish benefits, the reverse auction, piping, need for water budget info, and season of use.

The next proposals 2008-11 thru 2008-14 are also informational and were explained by Tom Tebb. David Blanchard, Tom McDonald, Sean Northup, and Tim Flynn helped to explain these proposals as well. The group discussed no impact to TWSA, impact in the winter months, stream appropriation, consumptive use calculations, and exempt wells. The group appreciated the creativity and forward thinking of this proposal.

The next meeting was tentatively set for October 20, 2008, but subject to change. (Actually it was rescheduled for November 3, 2008)

The meeting was adjourned.